

Democratic General Committee

APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE FOR THE SELECTION OF A JEFFERSON HALL.

Last evening a meeting was held by the Democratic Republican General Committee, at Stuyvesant Institute—Thos. J. Barr, in the chair, and G. G. Glasier and William R. Ripley secretaries. On the organization of the meeting the following resolution was read by Mr. Glasier, and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the selection of Horatio Tucker, as printer

The United States Senate merits and receives our warm and unequalled approbation; that the eloquent course pursued by the Sentinel, under his control, in the manly and dignified support of the true principles of the democratic republic, and his just justification against the "army-burners" attack upon our fearless and intrepid Dickinson, entitled him to the position of a just and discriminating Statesman, have deemed proper to award him.

It was then moved and seconded that the following named gentlemen should be chosen to form a building committee, with full power to act, for the purpose of selecting a site for the erection of a suitable building, to be

renegated "Jefferson Hall" and
BUILDING COMMITTEE.
Richard Schell, James Murphy, Nicholas Dimond, Joseph
Marlin, Joseph A. Jackson, John Dimond, Gustavus A.
Conover, Andrew Mills, David S. Jackson, Thomas Wicland,
Benjamin C. Weeks, F. B. Cullen, Jerome S. Fox, James
McLaurin, C. W. A. Turnure, John B. Haskins, Anthony Dun-
can, N. Glover, Horace F. Clark, James S. Libby, Edmund
West, Timothy Garrick, Benjamin Steele, John Clancy,
Abraham Moore, Timothy Brennan, Dennis Mullis, Wm. H.
Marshall, John J. Hill, William Joyce, George Siskles.
Mr. EMANUEL B. HAYES, Chairman of the Finance
committee, he would like to before adjourning this day,
now, how the Finance story will be told.

The expenses were paid up, and not to anybody until the election cost something like \$3,500, and left a balance due of about \$400. He was well aware that a number of persons holding office, professing to belong to this party, had failed to order their portions of pecuniary aid required to liquidate their debts, and should therefore deem it his duty at the next meeting to return the names of those persons who refused to comply with the demand made upon them: as for his part, he would pay the money himself, rather than have it said the party was in debt.

The meeting then adjourned until next Wednesday evening.

Marine affairs.
ARRIVAL OF THE UNION.—The Charleston steamship *Union*, which put into Norfolk for coal, arrived yesterday morning. She experienced very heavy weather. A fatal accident occurred on board on the 1st inst.; by the falling from the cross trees, of Mr. E. Smith, one of the seamen, who passed under the wheel, and was not seen afterwards.

NEW SCHOONER.—Mr. J. T. Williams will to-day launch on his yard, at Greenpoint, the clipper schooner Kate Brigham, of five hundred tons burthen, and intended for Messrs. Dunham & Dimon's line of New York and Savannah packets.

THE NEW STEAMSHIP SAN FRANCISCO, for the Pacific mail Steamship Company, went on a trial trip down the bay yesterday; but in consequence of some derangement of the machinery, was compelled to receive the assistance of the steam tug Loriot, which could not reach the

THE SARAH SANDS.—By letters received from Capt. Haley to the Argosie, the Sarah Sands had not sailed at the date of the letter, 27th, for want of water to take her out of dock, but would sail, in all probability, next day, and expected to arrive about the 17th. She has a full freight, and quite a number of passengers.

SEARCH FOR THE CUTTER HAMILTON.—Capt. Pease, of the United States Revenue cutter Jefferson Davis, now in port, dispatched one of the boats attached to his vessel on Sat-

day morning last, under the command of Lieut. E. O. Surcouf, with Capt. R. S. Parker as pilot, to make a minute examination of the sea coast to the southward of the bar, for traces of the Hamilton, or her unfortunate officers and crew. They left the city on Saturday morning and took the inside passage to Morris's Island, where they ascertained that the cutter had been seen at another Thursday afternoon, during the blow, but that nothing was known of her. They then proceeded to Staten Island, and made a thorough search of Folly Island beach, but could discover no traces of the wreck. While on Folly Island, they saw some distance from the shore an object

sembling a masthead, but it being very rough did not
at it at that time. The expedition then went to Bird
Is. is the mouth of Stono river, where after a diligent
search they could discover nothing. They also made a com-
plete examination of Kiawah Island and beach to the inlet,
and passed Saturday night on Kiawah Island. On returning
a Sunday morning the weather having moderated,
they proceeded to the spot indicated by the map as
projecting above the water, alluded to above, and found it
to be a vessel, cutter rigged, and sunk in about eighteen
feet water, between Folly and S. one breakers about a
mile and a half from the beach. Lieutenant Murden

to was formerly attached to the Hamilton, examined every portion of the wreck that could be seen and has made about it is the Hamilton. He has brought with him some small articles from the wreck. No information was obtained of the missing boat. The officers and men comprising the expedition deserve great praise for the faithful manner they have carried out the instructions of Captain Pease, and for their zealous efforts to obtain some information of the missing officers and men. We learn that Captain Pease has received orders from the Treasury department to pay the customary tribute of respect by firing minute guns from his cutter this day, at 12 o'clock.

the vessels in port are respectfully invited to participate, by wearing their colors at half mast during the day. — *Charleston Mercury*, December 14.

City Intelligence.

A MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR — Yesterday complaint was made at the Coroner's Office setting forth the fact that a man had been seriously beaten on Sunday last in Brooklyn, and then brought to his residence in Trinity place, this city, where he died from the injuries inflicted upon him. The story is told by a person in this city that a rumormongering tale that the deceased was a relation to a well-known personage in the city.

cently arrested, and escaped from the officers, charged with stealing money from one of the government offices in this city, and that fearing he might divulge the place of concealment of the accused, this outrage was perpetrated by the interested parties. One of the Coronado, in the information, visited the house in Trinity place, and there ascertained that the deceased had been buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Gowanus, Long Island. On a certificate given by a physician, it is stated "that the death of deceased was caused by inflammation of the lungs." There is much suspicion existing that some unwholesome means have been resorted to in this matter and the

authorities will make a full investigation and promptly commence forthwith, by sending for the physician and other parties who are believed to know about the affair.

FIRE IN HOG'S BUILDING, GOLD STREET.—About eleven o'clock last night a fire was discovered in the upper part of the rear premises of Hog's building, occupied by Messrs. Leonard & Wendt as a manufactory of shears. Owing to the clearness of the night the smoke was seen by the passerby and in time to prevent the flames from getting under much headway. With the exception of the partial

burning of the roof of Alford's printing office, (also in the upper part of Hoe's building,) the fire was confined to Messrs Leonard & Wendt's premises. Considerable damage was done to the tools and machinery by water, which flooded the rear building. A strong force of insurance and city watchmen were on the spot, and saved the machinery in the printing office, valuable woodcuts, &c., from damage.

DESTRUCTION OF AN INFANT.—On the arrival of the steamboat Manhattan, yesterday morning, from Albany, an infant of about three months old was found alive, deposited behind the cabin door. The mother or female in whose

are the child was seen to be, left the boat immediately on its arrival, and soon after the child was found. It was conveyed to the Alms House, and provided for.

THE CARSON INVESTIGATION.—The Committee met at four o'clock yesterday afternoon, pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Carson's counsel examined one witness with a view of impeaching the character and credibility of Mr. Van Noes, one of the preferring parties, and four were examined to sustain both, among whom was the cashier of the Bowery bank. The Committee then adjourned to four o'clock Friday afternoon, when the case will close on both sides.

Police Intelligence.
The Canada Bank Fraud.—The counsel in behalf of Daniel W. Van Aernam, P. W. Sawin, Jacob L. White and others, charged with a conspiracy in making and uttering fraudulent bank drafts, on one of which Van Aernam obtained \$5,000 from the agent of the Bank of Montreal, October last, will this day sum up the case before Justice Stuart. The court has already expressed some very decided points in the matter, from which inferences may be drawn that the defendants will all be required to find bail to await the action of the grand jury of this county.

to, however, merely anticipate this result, as it is possible the case may be dismissed by the justice, but from recent appearances it don't look probable.

The Late Election Fraud in the Twentieth Ward.—*Advised Parties Held for Trial.*—Yesterday Justice Stuart closed the investigation in the matter of the election fraud in the Twentieth ward, in which Hugh Mooney, William Turner and William Murray were the defendants, and returned the papers to the Grand Jury for their action, with the following endorsement respecting the defendant Murray:—

In this case of alleged malfeasance in office, consisting of

fraudulent canvass of the votes for Alderman, at the late election in the First election district of the Twentieth wards, and the investigation has in my judgment established the facts in contra-rod to the charges made, and I doubt not, but I am equally certain that William Turner and Hugh Mooney are guilty of the crime charged, while in respect to the defendant Murray I feel it my duty to declare that although there are some circumstances which seem fairly to implicate him in the transaction, nevertheless from a faithful examination of the facts brought before me, as evidence, and the statements of the witnesses, as proved before me, and of all the circumstances attending directly and remotely upon the case, I do not believe Mr. Murray is, in point of fact, guilty of any criminal conduct in the premises, nor to have been

ognizant of it in the water submer, it seems possible for them to have been in the water, and that they had knowledge. And while I have not felt at liberty to say anything to the character of the offense committed, and for the reason that there is some unanswered evidence affecting him, which is beyond his means fully to explain or explain, (and which I sincerely believe is from his misfortune in the matter and not his crime in the case), absolutely to disregard the charges against him, with a good reason to take leave to submit the District Attorney in person with the Grand Jury in the performance of his higher duty than mine, and exercise his judgment in the means best calculated to save a citizen of heretofore unstained reputation from the injury of an indictment.

The Magistrate required the accused to pay the sum of \$2,000 to answer the charge.